

Introducing the GMC

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Regional Liaison

General
Medical
Council

Regulating doctors
Ensuring good medical practice

Our purpose

‘to protect, promote and maintain the health and safety of the public by ensuring proper standards in the practice of medicine’

Our functions



A new approach

- Patients and Public
- Doctors
- Medical students
- Employers

- Guidance
- Change
- Localisation

Regional Liaison Service



Registration

- To practise medicine in the UK all doctors are required by law to hold both registration and a licence to practise.

Types of registration:

- Provisional – granted following graduation
- Full – granted after successful completion of Foundation Year 1
- Specialist or GP – granted following award of CCT
- You can search our List of Registered Medical Practitioners





Fitness to Practise Procedures

- Fair, objective, transparent and free from discrimination
- Effective in protecting the public interest & maintaining public confidence in the profession
- GMC explicitly part of the wider framework for protecting patients



Fitness to Practise 2010

Fitness to practise procedures

Number of enquiries received by the GMC	7,292	
Number of investigations by the GMC	2,066	
Number of doctors referred to a Fitness to Practise Hearing after investigation	386	
Number of erasures	73	

Patients' Help – What can we do?



http://www.gmc-uk.org/concerns/making_a_complaint/a_patients_guide.asp

Some of our current projects

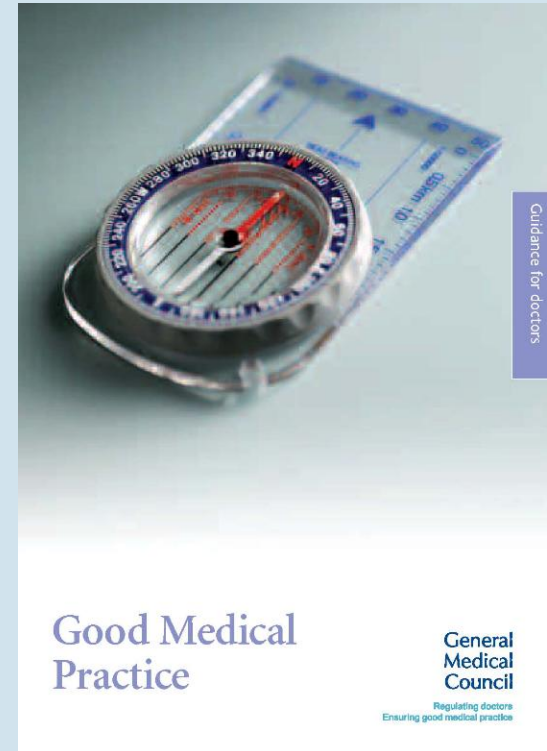
- Revalidation
- Language testing
- Employer Liaison
- Child Protection Consultation
- Learning Disabilities Website Launch
- Review of our core guidance – Good Medical Practice

Advising on Medical Ethics

- Advice is *guidance not rules* and:
 - Broad principles of good practice
 - Ethically based and consistent with the law
 - Scope for doctors to exercise judgement in applying the principles to individual cases
 - Serious or persistent failure to follow the guidance will put a doctor's registration at risk

Good Medical Practice

- The duties of a doctor
- Good clinical care
- Maintaining good medical practice
- Teaching and training, appraising and assessing
- Relationships with patients
- Working with colleagues
- Probity
- Health



Child Protection

- their duty to identify children and young people at risk of abuse and neglect, even when only treating adults
- the boundary between parental freedoms and child protection concerns
- good communication with children, parents and families when there are child protection concerns
- respecting confidentiality and when to share information
- good record keeping practice
- seeking consent to examination or investigation
- understanding how other professionals involved in child protection work consider and act on child protection concerns
- training and skills development
- giving evidence in court as a witness of fact and as an expert witness.

How can you get more involved?

■ Child Protection

■ http://www.gmc-uk.org/guidance/news_consultation/8411.asp

■ Good Medical Practice

■ <http://www.gmc-uk.org/guidance/9738.asp>

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■ GMC Website

■ <http://www.gmc-uk.org>



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